

From Yesterday's 2d Edition

General News.

From Washington.

New York, November 24.—The World's Washington bureau says the prisoner recently brought from the South under circumstances of great mystery, and incarcerated in Old Capitol Prison, is Major Geo. arrested in Florida. He was in charge of the Salisbury prison while mortality was greatest among prisoners.

The Post Master General has completed his report and it is now ready for distribution. The report exhibits the department as being in a very prosperous condition. It will not require any additional appropriation for the next fiscal year.

Reports from nearly all the States where the Freedmen's Bureau has been established state that there is considerable suffering among the negroes. General Howard is strongly opposed to abolishing the Bureau

at present. The reports of the Freedmen's bureau show that there are more than one hundred schools in active operation for colored children and destitute refugees. These schools are supported by different benevolent associations throughout the north, but they are placed under the supervision of Federal Educational Assistant Commissions. The total number of pupils in attendance in the month of September was twelve thousand four hundred and eighty-three, and the total number of children employed in agriculture was one hundred and eighty-two.

Reports to the Freedmen's bureau from Antietam, ~~where~~ ^{which} announce a very noticeable kindness on the feeling and from the fact that the residents there. The Tribune's Washington dispatch says

The War Department have decided that no claim for the veteran bounty will be

entertained unless the claimant has heretofore been recognized, and borne on his company rolls as such a veteran.

Colored soldiers applying for bounty shall state whether they were mustered as free on or before April 10th, 1861.

Hon. Schuyler Colfax will deliver his lecture across the Continent in New York and New England during holiday week.

Ex-Gov. Cummings, Buchanan's Territorial Executive of Utah, was at the Treasury yesterday for the purpose of drawing the balance of salary due him. It was taken all the oaths, been pardoned, and today expects to draw his greenbacks and leave for Georgia.

The forthcoming Treasury report will

The World's Washington dispatch says a contract was concluded yesterday by Gen. Sobagor, Minister of the Columbian Government by which Col. A. Gilbert and

Preston C. F. West, two officers of the U. S. Coast Survey, enter the service of the Columbia Government for the purpose of making the survey of the Colorado river, a stream emptying into the Columbian Sea, four hundred miles east of Aspinwall. The object of the Columbia is to deepen the channel at the mouth of the river, and also to overcome two falls some distance up, by which the river has lost forty miles of navigation will be saved.

The Tribune's special says: A novel official document was received at the Indian Bureau to-day. It is a tabular analysis of the cost per head of killing Indians and squaws. On the western plains the average cost of killing an Indian

The War Department has disposed of all its transports, and is now unable to furnish transportation for the army and navy.

The Herald's Washington dispatch says: Mrs. Bishop, daughter of the ex-rebel Secretary of the Navy, is in the city interceding for her father's release on parole.

For some men, such as John Brown and Christopher Beese, having been convicted, by a military commission, of the murder of a negress named Nellie West, in Taliefero-county, Georgia, were sentenced to be hanged. The President has refused the sentence and ordered the execution to take place on the first Friday in January next.

Many well-informed persons have heard the opinion that Mr. and Mrs. Cobb, the plaintiffs against General Baker, will not

appear against him when he is brought to trial. They have altered their tune considerably lately. General Baker threatens to produce in court the accumulated history of their several years in Washington.

Theodore Martinez, a Cuban, was arrested last evening on suspicion a steamer just about to sail for Havana on suspicion of being engaged in the murder of Ottero. Circumstantial evidence against him is strong. Jose Gonzales, the man who left the hotel with the murdered man, has not yet been found. The authorities are making every effort to discover him, as well as others on whom suspicion rests.

The Herald's Washington dispatch says emigration companies are forming in many sections of the North to furnish the South with the labor and capital necessary to produce their accustomed crops, and also to substantially benefit emigrants.

The United States Mutual Protection Co.,

of this city with the First Assistant Postmaster General at its head, has already leased many valuable plantations in Northern and Central Mississippi, and has many applications from Southern planters for emigrants and laborers. Some five hundred

families are preparing to move South in the month of January under the auspices of this association.

(The "Washington" dispatch says: Gen. Winfield Scott will depart the winter in a voyage to Key West and New Orleans. Major Hogan of Newberrie, is in the city. He says that the people of his State look upon the recent elections there as a complete failure. None of the candidates can take the oath. R. F. Lehman, the only candidate in the State who could do so was defeated by a large majority.

The English capitalists who sailed from this port on the 1st inst., had a pleasant voyage home.

Sir Morton Peto, in a letter to a friend in

this city, says that his visit was an exceedingly happy one, and that he cannot but hope that it will be of some little use in dispelling the doubt which with a more perfect knowledge of the sentiments and feel-

From New Orleans.
NEW ORLEANS, November 24.—Business conditions active.
Almost every negro taken before the City Recorder is possessed of some unlawful weapons.
An agent of the commercial houses of England has arrived, and announces to the planters Louisiana that he is authorized to contract for the immigration of laborers from India and China.
The Louisiana Legislature met to-day, other than organizing, no business was done.
The Matamoros Ranchero says: The

Liberals are eight miles from there in force. A skirmish had taken place, resulting in the killing of one Imperial and the capture of three others by the Liberals.

General Landery has been appointed Lib-

JACKSON, Nov. 20.—Gov. Humphreys sent a message to the Legislature recommending that negro testimony be admitted in court; that the freedman be encouraged to work to support his family and educate his children, and asserting his protection. To tax Freedmen for the support of help. From the State, and for the agents for negro employment, to pass a militia law enabling the militia to protect our people against vagrant white men and negroes. He deems the passage of these measures of vital importance, and may secure the withdrawal of Federal troops.

MONROVIA, November 22.—Governor Parsons delivered his message to the Legis-

lature to day. The message urges the adoption of the amendment to the constitution of the United States abolishing slavery and the passage of laws for the protection of negro property. This course, he says, will secure the admission of our remaining states

In Congress and restore the State to all her political rights in the Union. He approves of a special code for the government of negroes, and recommends the adoption of the vagrant laws be passed upon whites and black alike, and suggests that vagrant laws similar to those of Massachusetts be adopted. He recommends that a provision be made for destitute white and black persons.

Canals to be Closed.
New York, November 24.—The Canal Commissioners have resolved to close the canals December 12th.

Hung.
Kerchner was hung to-day, in the jail-

yard in this city, for the murder of soldier
named Henning.